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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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This is in response to the order by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated 9/7/2004 requesting the examiner to provide a full text English translation of Japanese Patent No. JP 3-169330.


In response, the Examiner notes that while the English abstract of JP 3-169330 provided by Appellants in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed 11/6/2000, was relied upon in an Office action dated 8/30/2002 as an alternative ground of rejection, it was not relied upon in the Examiner's answer dated 12/31/2003. The Examiner apologizes for inadvertently including JP 3-169330 in the section (9) Prior Art of Record, and also in the heading of grounds of rejection in section (10) Grounds of Rejection. As such, the Examiner notes that JP 3-169330 should be deleted from aforementioned sections (9) and (10), and a full text English translation is not required. For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

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Finally, the Examiner restates the heading of grounds of rejection in section (10) (see Examiner's Answer dated 12/31/2003, page 3) as follows:


Claims 1, 3-8 and 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0740952 ~~either individually, or in view of JP 3-169330 (Abstract).~~

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